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Academic Positions

- *Assistant Professor of Finance*, Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California, 2006-present.
- *Research Faculty*, Lloyd Greif Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, University of Southern California, 2006-present.

Education

- Ph.D., Finance, June 2006, Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago.
- MBA, June 2006, Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago.
- B.S., Physics (Music minor), summa cum laude, May 1999, Duke University.

Publications

- "Should Investors Bet on the Jockey or the Horse? Evidence from the Evolution of Firms from Early Business Plans to Public Companies" (with Steve Kaplan and Per Strömberg), *Journal of Finance*, forthcoming.
 - Previously entitled "What are Firms? Evolution from Early Business Plans to Public Companies".

Working Papers

- "Performance Evaluation and Self-Designated Benchmark Indexes in the Mutual Fund Industry", January 2008. Under second round review at the *Journal of Financial Economics*.
- "Do Mutual Funds Time their Benchmarks?", with Steve Kaplan, November 2005.
- "How Well do Venture Capital Databases Reflect Actual Investments?", with Steve Kaplan and Per Strömberg, September 2002.

Non-Finance/Economics Refereed Publications

- "Pattern Formation Near Onset of a Convecting Fluid in an Annulus", with Henry Greenside, *Physical Review E* 64, 046204, October 2001.

Invited Presentations

- **2007**: University of Oregon.
- **2006**: NBER Spring Corporate Finance Program Meeting, University of Rochester, Harvard Business School, Cornell University, Arizona State University, University of Southern California, Washington University, University of Maryland.
- **2005**: University of Chicago (GSB, twice), Financial Management Association meetings.

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

- Research Grant, Lloyd Greif Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, 2007.
- Fischer Black Fellowship, 2005-2006.
- Research Grant, Center for Research in Securities Prices, 2002.
- University of Chicago Graduate School of Business Fellowship, 2001-2006.

Professional Activities

- Member: American Finance Association, American Economic Association, Society for Financial Studies.
- Referee: Journal of Finance, Review of Financial Studies, Journal of Financial Economics, Journal of Financial Intermediation.

Other Positions

- Systems Engineer, Lockheed Martin Corporation, 1999-2001.

References

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